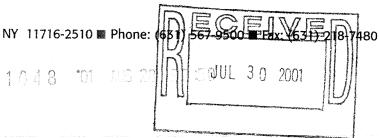


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July 9, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Uva Ursi supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Physiologics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin City and Vitamin World:

- Promotes Fluid Balance
- Supports Fluid Balance
- Uva Ursi contains glycoside arbutins, beneficial compounds that promote well being.
- Uva Ursi helps promote fluid balance.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Ona Scandurra, MS, RD

Director of Nutrition Communications

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